B3 S 3 D17

7. (Amended) A feeding tube and CO_2 detecting machine combination comprising:

an elongated patient feeding tube presenting a distal end adapted for insertion into a patient and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient; and

a CO_2 detecting machine operably coupled with said proximal portion of said tube so that the presence of CO_2 adjacent said distal end may be detected when the tube is inserted into a patient.

B4

11. (Amended) A fixture for connection to the proximal end of a feeding tube, said fixture comprising a bifurcated body presenting first and second tubular legs, said first leg having a connection end adapted for attachment to said proximal end to form a continuation thereof, said second leg in communication with the first leg and including at least one intermediate coupling member adapted for connection with a CO_2 detecting machine.

12. (Amended) The fixture of claim 11, including a guide wire extending through said first leg and feeding tube, there being a guide wire mount removably secured to an end of said first leg remote from said connection end.

Please add the following new claim:

B5

15. The feeding tube of claim 4, said fixture and said intermediate coupling member being removably secured to one another.